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Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: Petition of Cape Light Compact for Extension of Its Municipal Aggregation Default Service Pilot Project; D. T. E. 03-61

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On June 2, 2003, the Cape Light Compact ("Compact") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a petition for an extension of its municipal aggregation default service pilot project ("Pilot"). The original fifteen month Pilot approved by the Department in Cape Light Compact, D.T.E. 00-63 (2001) was based on the Compact's municipal aggregation plan approved by the Department in Cape Light Compact, D. T. E. 00-47 (2000). The Department also approved the Pilot's electric supply agreement with Mirant Americas Retail Energy Marketing, L. P. ("Mirant") on March 22, 2003. The original Pilot expires on July 31, 2003. In this petition, the Compact requests that the Department approve an extension of the Pilot through December 31, 2003.

The Cape Light Compact serves approximately 48,000 default service customers under the Pilot through a supplier contract that began on July 1, 2002. A five month extension of the Pilot through December 31, 2003 will allow the pilot program to continue through the expiration date of the Mirant supply contract now in effect. The Attorney General has reviewed the filing and does not object to the extension sought by the Cape Light Compact. Continuation of the Pilot is consistent with the objective of the Electric Restructuring Act G.L. c. 164, § 134 to promote municipal aggregation and appears to be in the public interest.

Sincerely,

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